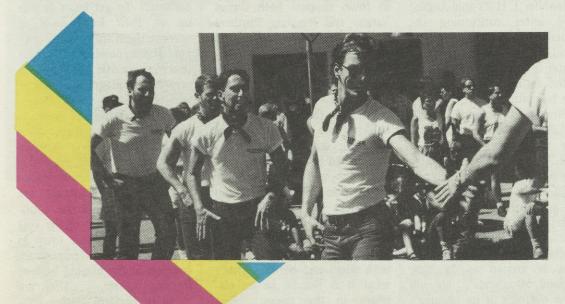
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1990 Rainbow Festival

by Stacy Selmants

ainbow Festival 1990, a three day bash held during Labor Day Weekend, again offered a little something for everyone: the good, the bad, the unclothed.

The Festival, held at Faces, provided an eclectic array of entertainment from headliners Jerry Halliday and Lois Bromfield to drag lip sync shows, country western dancing, and

a couple of egocentric male strippers. On Sunday, a street fair was held, which offered dozens of local gay/lesbian organizations the opportunity to promote their activities and to raise funds for their programs.

As a combination fundraiser/party it was a success;
an estimated 5,000 people
visited the festival over the
weekend, and \$5500 collected
from cover charges will be
donated to the Hope House
and to the Lambda Center, to
be earmarked for women's
programs. An additional
\$2,000 was raised at an auction at the Mercantile, emceed
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AIDS Foundation Adjusts To Recent Budget Cuts

by Tina Arnold

n September 7th, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF) announced a drastic loss in funding and services for the 1990-91 fiscal year.

As a result, most of the services provided at SAF have been reorganized to accommodate the most number of clients with the least amount of money, and almost entirely on a volunteer basis.

The \$610,000 loss in funding is approximately 1/3 of the requested budget fiscal year 1990-91. The working budget for this year is set at \$1 million, while last year it was \$1.9 million. Not only has the SAF taken a decrease in their proposed budget, the \$610,000 loss was unexpected this year. Of the \$610,000, \$12,000 was from the Sierra Foundation. This money was from a \$360,000 grant that was spread out evenly over a three year period. Although

the SAF expected continued funding from the Sierra Foundation they created a plan of reorganization in case they

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Take Your Next Step, Come Out on Oct 11

by P. J. Dunker

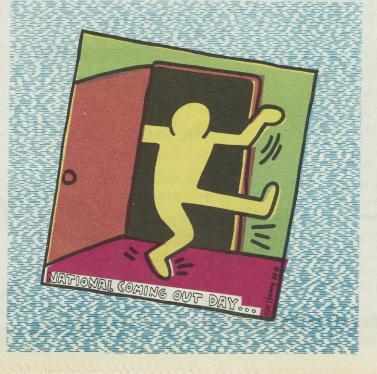
ou're what? Really? Why on Earth would you want to be a lesbian? A familiar sounding question, albeit a stupid one. Why does anyone want to be or do what's completely natural for them, feels great and makes them happy? Maybe its remotely connected to wanting to feel and be a productive person.

National Coming Out Day (October 11) has a lot to do with helping people realize how ridiculous questions like these are. As Lynn Shepodd of N.C.O.D. puts it, "We have a lot to lose by fighting with each other." We also have a lot to lose if we as gays and

lesbians don't stand up for ourselves, proudly don our rainbow colors, and march out of the closet. True, what the other people don't know may not hurt them, but it could kill us.

Coming out is important

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couldn't come up with other grant money. Sam Schuchat, the Deputy Director of SAF says "We were kind of surprised" when they didn't receive any money from the Sierra Foundation. Shortly after notice of the impending budget cuts, Sam Schuchat submitted his resignation and will be leaving as an SAF staff member at the end of the month.

Many times a community based organization (CBO) such as the Sacramento AIDS Foundation will not receive continued funding if they are found to duplicate services that other CBO's provide. When asked if that was the reason for discontinued funding from the Sierra Foundation, Schuchat replied that all the services provided by SAF were unique and had no overlap with other facilities such as The Aquarian Effort.

The losses have had a grave impact on the quantity of service the Sacramento AIDS Continued on page 5

really 11 MUST SAY!

One Gay Agenda

have a vast array of organizations in Sacramento which deal with the many issues of being gay and lesbian. Each one has the same goal, to further the gay rights movement. Whether it is the conservative, moderate of left wing gays, getting past individual agendas is necessary not only locally but statewide.

How the Russell Bill (outlined on page 3) got through the legislature without any number of legislative aides or lobbyist organizations stopping it, is an amazing question. The underlying reason that this constitutionally questionable bill got to the Governor's desk is that the gay republican movement chose to turn their back on it.

Working with the right wing zealots to gain power within the Republican party is appalling and it is time to stop the divisive attitudes and get back to what is right working for gay rights not against them.



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Standing Up for Souter's Supreme **Court Nomination**

Editor,

Jennifer J. Hill's mid-August 1990 letter concerning the United States Senate's confirmation of Judge David H. Souter ignores some probables of the future which past history has taught.

Firstly, it is difficult to predict how some judges will vote once they become justices on the United States Supreme Court. For example: Hugo Black, William J. Brennan and Earl Warren.

Secondly, Judge Souter has been molded by his regional geography, thus he possesses what is known as "a New England conscience". He will be no person's or no idolatry's lackey upon the Supreme Court. He will vote his conscience, applying his scholarly understanding as to the application of the United States Constitution to the particular case before the court.

Thirdly, "conservatism" in New England (where I was born and raised) has still its original philosophical meaning: the preservation of the principals and the achievements of the historical past, provided they are still constructively functioning relative to the protection of the social good.

Gay women and men probably will soon see that this salty New Hampshirite will have the intellectual gumption to uphold the Constitution prudently, wisely and justly.

Respectfully yours, James F. Gibbons

LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE

welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.

P.A.W.S. Cares **About Animals**

Editor,

I am very disappointed to see that the gay newspapers in town support both Circus Vargas and Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey. I would hope that the gay community here had a little more awareness of what circuses are really like for animals that perform in them.

What are they really like? Well, for starters how would you like to be chained by your legs 24 hours a day, and only let off these chains when you did tricks for people? And when you didn't perform properly you can look forward to being beaten and clawed at with sticks and hooks. That's what it is like to be an elephant in the circus. Elephant's skin is very sensitive and scars easily. Next time you're at the circus..if you still decide to support them...take a close look at the elephants faces...you will see all kinds of marks from bullhooks. They also rock constantly in frustration because they cannot do anything else.

And how do you think those circus people get those elephants and those other animals to do those tricks? Unfortunately the quickest and most used method of training is to beat animals or inflict pain on them to get them to perform. To get bears to rise up off their front paws to prevent them from wanting to put them down. Hotshots (electrical cattle prods with very high voltage) are used as well as whips and hooks. Now remember, all this is being done with your consent because you simply want to be entertained when the circus comes to town. And realize too that these animals are dragged all around the country 10 months out of the year and brought to your town in boxcars with no temperature controls in the blazing heat or freezing winter. They are made to perform almost continually year round doing 3 to 4 shows a day.

Now I know that no one wants to think about these things because its so upsetting when one just wants to be entertained. But, the fact is...animals are suffering while you're being entertained, they

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Bills Await Governor's Signiture



by Ken Topper

efore the 1989-90 session ended. the California Legislature approved several bills that would have a direct impact on health care, insurance discrimination, self esteem, and education.

These measures are now before Governor Deukmejian who has until September 30th to either sign, veto, or allow these measures to become law without his signature. Your input to the Governor's office has the potential to be a deciding factor in the defeat or signature of a bill. To voice your opinion call the Governor's Office at (916) 445-2841 and tell the person the bill number and your position.

Assembly Bill 1721,

Authored by Assemblymember Friedman, would prohibit life and disability insurers and health care service plans from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.

Assembly Bill 2483.

Authored by Senator Russell would make it a misdemeanor for any group or person to create a civil disobedience outside a tax exempt place of worship. The bill would allow the victim to request community service of those found guilty to be done at the site where the action took place.

Assembly Bill 3315,

Authored by Assemblymember Speier, would require health insurance policies and health plans that cover prescription drugs to reimburse for an "offlabel" drug that is used for life-threatening illnesses. This would ensure that patients with life-threatening illness would be covered under a health insurance policy when they purchased it.

Assembly Bill 25,

Authored by Assemblymember Hughes, would require comprehensive and age appropriate health and AIDS education to grades 7 to 12. Would also require in-service prevention instruction and training to all teachers and school staff.

Assembly Bill 3459,

Authored by Assemblymember Friedman, would require the Department of Social Services to separately license residential care facilities for persons with HIV. Would include non-discrimination policies and respite care for the partners of significant others of those living with HIV.

Assembly Bill 3993,

Authored by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, would require the higher education system in California to create policies inclusive of procedures and programs for preventing, reporting, monitoring, evaluating, and responding to acts of prejudice, hatred and violence on the basis of ethnicity, religious belief, sex, age disability, economic circumstance or sexual orientation.



Mayor Anne Rudin and Rev. Freda Smith.

M.C.C. Celebrates Church Dedication

by Arturo Jackson III

iver City MetropolitanCommunity Church celebrated the dedication of their new church sanctuary at 3418 Broadway with "Coming Home Weekend".

The former Bank of America Building had been completely refurbished for RCMCC's 19th Anniversary.

The festivities began on Friday, September 7 with country western dancing in the Grand Ballroom and a gospel concert in the sanctuary by the 44 voice strong Occidental Inspirational Sing-

On Saturday, 3rd Avenue was closed to traffic for a Carnival and Block Party. The

variety of community organizations manning booths at the street fair exhibited the

Mayor Anne Rudin took part in the formal dedication

diversity of the Sacramento gay and lesbian community. Members of the Sacramento Leather Association were busy painting the faces of neighbor children and creating the Ninja Turtle brigade. The Frat boys from CSUS sold snow cones while members of the River City Democratic Club had a informational booth. The ACT UP/Sacramento chapter sold Tshirts and buttons and had a Dart game with homophobic politicians and newspaper as the targets. The performing group, GET IT (Gay Experimental Traditional Improvisational Theatre) was on hand with "Lucy" and an Ethel look-a-like available for photos in the classic convertible. RCMCC sold chicken and hot

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Search for Murderer Continues in W. Sac

by Arturo Jackson III

t was August 19, a Saturday night and John Yano pulled into the parking lot of the Continental Motel in West Sacramento.

The clerk at the motel remembered Yano, 32, as a

"pleasant enough sort of guy" when he registered him as a guest. The motel clerk was one of the last people who saw Yano alive on that fateful evening.

The motel maid found the body of Yano in the motel room the following morning. According to Detective Derek Brummett of the West Sacramento Police Department, "we know that Yano went to the motel with another man and that he was found dead in the

room the following morning. I can't really say anymore than that at this time in our investigation."

The cause of death of Yano, according to the West Sacramento Police Department was a "bludgeoning" blow to the back of the victim's head. Detective Brummett stated, "we are looking at several different angles and have two detectives full time on this case." Detective Brummett warned. "everyone should

exercise caution.

The West Sacramento Police Department has been following through on leads and working with community liaisons to gather information on John Yano and the circumstances surrounding his murder. Anyone who may have some information relating to this case should notify Detective Brummett at the West Sacramento Police Department at (916) 373-

FESTIVAL

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by Stacey, and other auctions are still scheduled. Raffle tickets for a Windjammer Cruise are still being sold, and the winning ticket will be selected by Mayor Rudin on the evening of October 14, in Faces' video bar.

Searching

We are still searching for a tasteful drag queen, and the opening night's drag/leather show at the Festival, emceed by Stacey and Jo Tierney, did not provide any new contestants. But both the emcees and the other performers, including the new Empress, Racine, did their best to titillate and amuse the appreciative audience, and all tips were also donated to the Hope House and the Lambda Center. (Highlights of the show included Stacey's impatient

opening soliloquy as the sound system was being jump started, and Jo's sympathetic musings on the problems drag queens have with fitting appendages into panty hose.)

An Ugly Attitude

The ugly part of the festival was provided by puppeteer Jerry Halliday, who is a gifted mimic and puppeteer, but provided a mean-spirited, misogynist and often offensive act centering on how ugly women can be, and included a number of crude "fish" and rape jokes. Friday's show he managed to finish, but according to reports, on Wednesday, (Women's Night) he was combative with the predominantly female audience, and was finally booed off the stage.

She's Family

In a wonderful contrast, comedian Lois Bromfield's act on Saturday was fast-paced,



D.J. Patty Pardue had the crowd dancing in the street.

funny, and left the audience pleading for encores. A comedian who has appeared often on national television, she also took the opportunity to share with the audience that she is indeed, "one of the family." She shared her frustration about being publicly quasistraight, to be accepted, and how her orientation slips out at inopportune moments.

"We're dykes; have a nice day!" and "Pass the turkey; I'm a dyke!"

She also reflected about bonding with her father at family holidays, "We both eat p----y, dad." But the biggest crowd pleasers were her renditions of The Debbies and its companion piece, Sorority Girls From Hell.

Bromfield did provide one

encore to her 90 minute set, and, as a good entertainer should, left the audience clamoring for more, in a late-night wave of applause. BI

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The Big Top did provide a comfortable, roomy venue for the nightly country western dancing. The separation of the two dance floors also gave the non-afficiandos (yes, we exict) a nice break from the two-step torture. House dancing, including an afternoon tea dance, was held in the dance bar, and both dance floors were always busy.

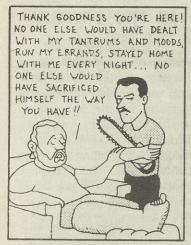


Richard Boriolo and friend.

Thanks should go to Richard Boriolo and his support team for the effort they expended to create a fun three day party.

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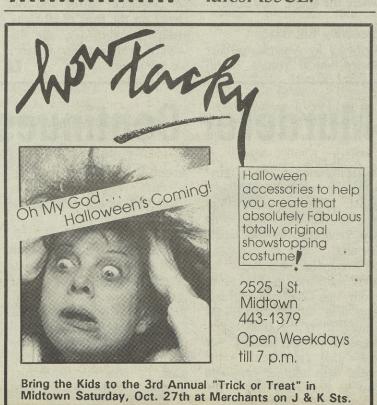




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Foundation will be able to Schuchat assures that although the quantity of services may have to suffer, the QUALITY of services will not be reduced if at all possible. Effective September 30 nearly half of the staff will be laid off including Orland Gladden, Health Educator/IV Drug Outreach Coordinator Patty Blomberg, Special Projects Coordinator. "Nobody who was laid off is happy about the situation" but with the open recruitment of a new Health Education Coordinator they have a good chance of maintaining key staff who have applied for the new position.

Although eighteen employees have been laid off many of the services will remain intact. Gay/Bi health education programs and the Gay/Bi Com-Health Outreach munity Worker (CHOW) team will remain unchanged. Hand to Hand will continue to function in the same capacity but will now incorporate all aspects of client services on a volunteer basis. Home Health Care will become a separate unit away from client services and will continue functioning in the same manner. The big differences will be in the area of quantity of service. Although Home Health will remain the same functionally, the maximum number of client slots available will be reduced from to 50-30. In addition, case management will include assessment, consultation, information and referral. In a very few number of cases this will be extended from a one-time

service to a maximum of 90 days of service. To accommodate the lack of staff, many new volunteer programs will be created. Volunteers will now handle group meetings on benefits and assist clients on a one-to-one level with paperwork and walking people through the system. A Mental Health Project will be developed to provide group therapy to clients free of charge for those unable to pay in. Phone buddies/information and referral volunteers will offer emotional support and advice over the phone.

Some of the services that will be lost include many of the education/outreach programs with the exception of the CHOWs which play an integral role in the functioning of the education portion of the AIDS Foundation. Clients will only be selected for a slot if they are either ARC or AIDS diagnosed. No HIV + people will be accepted as clients unless they are symptomatic. CARES is capable of handling asymptomatic HIV + clients. The volunteer speakers bureau and the HIV + speakers bureau will be maintained but no more active recruiting will take place. Telephone prevention counseling will be cut back.

The lack of case management is/will be the main concern for other community resources. The Yolo County Health Department for example, has relied on the AIDS Foundation for most of its HIV case management. Christine Cipperly, the AIDS Coordinator in Yolo County Public Health says "Yolo County has been relying on SAF for case management since 1986. The only alterna-

come out of the closet we

tives in Yolo County for providing case management to PWA's are Public Health Nurses. Unfortunately, since 1978 when Proposition 13 passed, the number of PHN's in Yolo County has been reduced by nearly 70%. Yolo County is in serious financial trouble as a result of Prop. 13, as are most other county health departments. Without the SAF, the increased demand on an already overburdened nursing staff is very alarming."

In addition to all of the cutbacks SAF has suffered, the idea to purchase their own facility has been in the works for months now. This will make it nearly impossible. Currently the rent at 1900 K Street is \$95,000 per year. The proposed mortgage payment on a new building would come to about \$50,000 per year but it will require an additional \$50,000 for the down payment. The proposed building will be about 1.5 times the space for a little more than half the current rent. In addition, the decreased staff may provide office space to rent out for some outside income.

Last year the SAF raised \$140,000 in donations. To be able to maintain the current level of service they will need to raise at least \$200,000 this The \$50,000 down payment will be in addition to the \$200,000.

The budget cuts has been a tough blow for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. A stronger focus on proper management, volunteerism and community support will be the Foundation's major resource in the fight to maintain quality services for people with ARC

or AIDS. People may think twice about slandering gays and lesbians, if they know that you, their friend, their co-worker, their boss, their relative, their neighbor is a lesbian or gay. I recently came out to my

father, a Lutheran minister. He cried, he denied, he accused and attacked. But when I didn't bend in my certainty, when my pride didn't falter, and when he realized I was still his daughter, still the same intelligent, creative, sensitive, silly person, he finally let go of some of the fear bought ignorance tied to the homosexual myths.

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for just as many reasons as we can find excuses to hide, but our excuses for hiding, seem feeble in the face of reasons to come out.

"average" "How many Americans even know a gay or lesbian person, anyway?" is a question being used as a blanket to cover the fears of a few small-minded, yet very vocal bigots. But the truth of the matter is that most average people do know someone who is a gay or a lesbian. We are the average Americans daughters, sons, co-workers, neighbors and friends. We work in all occupations. We are everywhere and we can change the way we are perceived precisely by being perceived. When we

bring just one more bit of information about ourselves to those around us. That piece can't remove the other pieces of the puzzles that make us the individuals we already are. It can't remove your creativity, your humor, your intelligence or your compassion. It won't change the straight A's you received in school. It won't take away the flowers you send your mother on Mother's Day, or the hours you've spent fishing with your best (straight) friend. It won't take away the tears you spilled for your grandpa or the tears spilled for a person with AIDS. By being out, people will see that a person's sexuality has little to do with a person's quality. We may begin to gain the respect we deserve.

and women everywhere.

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Nominatations Sought for Awards

ho would you like to see recognized for their contributions to Sacramento's lesbian and gay community in the areas of political involvement, humanitarianism, leadership, cultural/art/entertainment, fund raising and organizations?

The River City Democratic Club (RCDC) is seeking nominations for its annual Lambda Community Awards to be presented at the Lambda Awards Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Thurs-

and

day, October 25 in the El Dorado Room of the Sacramento Community Center.

To nominate an individual or organization, provide a brief description of the work or activities of the nominee and mail it to RCDC/Lambda Awards, Box 161958, Sacramento, CA. 95816. All nominations must be received by September 30. Past recipients of the Awards have been from the fields of education, business, politics, health and community service.

For more information, contact Michael Varacalli at (916) 447-0661

Support for HIV **Negative Partners**

IV Negative Partners with HIV Positive Partners is a peerdriven support group that deals with the emotional effects on the HIV negative partner in a relationship with an HIV positive partner. The special needs of the HIV negative partner are addressed at these meetings. Anonymity is a priority among all who attend.

Topics discussed have been HIV negative guilt, when to stop testing, grief, fear of intimacy and always...sex.

Meetings are at the Lambda Community Center at 1931 L Street (upstairs) on the first and third Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m.to 9 p.m. Further inquiries may be made by calling Franklin at the Lambda Center at 442-

Help Document Discrimination

ssemblyman Terry D-Los Friedman, Angeles, Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, announced that the subcommittee will conduct a hearing on discrimination toward gay men and lesbians in employment, housing and other heath and human ser-

The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 1990 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The location is the auditorium at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente, West Hollywood.

According to Friedman, "This will be the year to pass a gay and lesbian equal rights

bill. After a frustrating eight years 1991 will mark a turnaround for gay and lesbian Californians."

Prior to the hearing a special effort is being made to solicit information about individual cases of discrimination. The subcommittee is particularly interested in discrimination involving employment, housing, health services, government services and other public accommodations.

People wishing to submit an account of personal discrimination are urged to write to Assemblyman Friedman or to the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE), the sponsor of the gay and lesbian equal rights bill. Letters may be anonymous and should include an account of the discrimination.

Letters should be sent to Assemblyman Terry Friedman, State Capitol, Room 4117, Sacramento, CA. 95814 or LIFE, 926 J Street #1020, Sacramento, CA. 95814.

City/County Merger Dialogue Slated

CDC and CAPPAC are sponsoring a special meeting to discuss the topic of "City/County Merger: A Good Marriage for the Lesbian/Gay Community?" on Monday, October 1.

The Dialogue is set for 6 p.m. at the Townhouse, 1517 21st Street. Hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar will be provided from 5 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Panelists will include Rosemary Metrailer, local attorney and member of the Sacramento City/County Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission; a member of the Merger Commission and a member of

the City Council and County Board of Supervisors.

The Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission has reviewed the Charter and made specific recommendations to the Charter Commission from a human rights perspective.

Registered voters will decide. in November, whether or not the present City Council and the Board of Supervisors will become a 12-member Council of Supervisors with 20 local community councils.

November's vote is important to the lesbian/gay community in terms of the future of the City gay rights ordinances in particular and gay politics in Sacramento.

For more information about the Dialogue, contact Co-Coordinators Joanna Cassese at (916) 451-0288 or Joe Hawkins at (916) 454-0516.

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Leatherfest is Whipping into 90s

he Sacramento Leather Association (SLA) presents its Second Annual Leatherfest with a three day celebration on the weekend of October 12 - 14.

Leather titleholders from all over the area will be participating in the events.

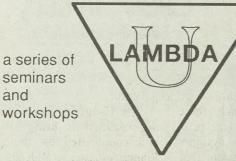
The weekend begins with a leather dance on Friday, October 12, at Clunie Hall in McKinley Park from 8 midnight.

Saturday, October 13 begins with breakfast at the Incredible Edible and then moves on to the Wreck Room from noon to 6 p.m. for an afternoon filled with demonstrations, a beer bust and leather auction.

On Sunday join the SLA and the Wreck Room for the 10th Anniversary Pig-Out Beer Bust. For details call 921-1466.

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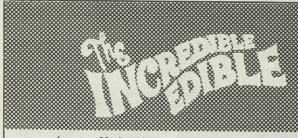
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Feinstein Releases Policy on AIDS After Criticism

by Keith Clark

coalition of 15 AIDS agencies throughout California, organized primarily to lobby the state's powereful Congressional delegation, has partly succeeded in getting one of the two gubernatorial candidates to issue a major AIDS policy statement.

After repeated criticism in Northern California newspapers that neither candidate was addressing the state's most pressing health issue, Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Dianne Feinstein on August 29 issued an eight-point AIDS plan for the state that she said she would implement if she's

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Feinstein, former mayor of

San Francisco, revealed her long-sought-after plan at a \$1,000-per-person and up fundraiser in Los Angeles aimed primarily at the gay and lesbian community.

The plan covers a broad spectrum of issues that AIDS activists and agencies have been increasingly lobbying for both here in the state and in

The Feinstein proposal includes: working with Congress to insure adequate funds for AIDS care, particularly early treatment intervention; hastening availability of experimental drugs and greater access to clinical drug trials; making AIDS anti-discrimination the "law of the land" in the state; a review of Medi-Cal payment rates for treatment and experimental drugs; barring discrimination by insurance companies based on sexual orientation or preexisting medical conditions, and preventing cancellation of policies of people with AIDS; increased educational efforts that are "age-appropriate and culturally-appropriate" ethnic minorities: initiate an inquiry into drug pricing to



Dianne Feinstein crosses her fingers in hope of being Governor.

prevent price-gouging for medications for which there are no alternatives; and reactivating the state's dysfunctional AIDS commission that would report directly to the

The 15-agency direct lobbying coalition is being staffed and coordinated by the San Francisco-based Mobilization Continued on page 18

Camp Noh-Wahnnah-Weehny

by Colleen Dempsey

f you've ever attended the West Coast Women's Music & Comedy Festival held yearly on Labor Day Weekend, then you know what a gala event it is. For all you lesbians that have dreamed of the perfect world, this is it...Women, women, and more women.

All different types of | women, big women, small women, wealthy and not so wealthy women, all brought together in one weekend to share each others company. Though the variety was large, there was one thing we all shared -the love of women.

The weekend was full of activities with several different types of workshops. Jeanne Cordova presented a humor-

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ous workshop on "Balancing The Butch and Femme Within". Dell Richards, read from her book of "Lesbian Lists" which offered gossip on lesbians from around the world and through the ages. She named a few names and confirmed women we've all suspected. And the list of workshops went on and on.

Entertainment throughout the weekend was extraordinary

with the best performers appearing on Saturday night at the "Main Stage". "Two Nice Girls" was one of the most notable. This band is known for their superb talent in various instruments, and for containing some of the best looking women who performed at the festival. I was on the edge of my seat with their original humorous songs.

"Betty", three fine women from N.Y., followed up next. Let's just say nobody has an attitude like "Betty". I guess you could classify them as

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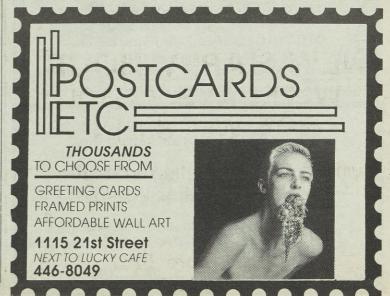
Clean and Sober

by Kevin Cohee

ober, clean and recovering gays and lesbians from across the country and around the world met in San Francisco Labor Day Weekend for the 15th annual western Round-Up of Living Sober.

ticipants, down from last year by a couple of hundred, it is the largest gay sobriety gathering in the world. Growing

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Life Magazine Comes Up With 11%

by Keith Clark

ife magazine's just published issue honoring the 100 most influential Americans in the 20th Century included, although without any mention, at least eleven gays, lesbians or bisexual individuals.

And of those, at least five of them acknowledged their nonheterosexual behavior during their lifetimes, indicating a greater degree of openness about non-mainstream sexual behavior than perhaps any other time of society.

Included in the list are: Composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein, a champion of contemporary American classical music who is married but recently acknowledged his homosexual preferences.

Playwright Tennessee Williams, arguably the most influ-

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American-born poet and literary critic T. S. Eliot about whom a recent biography identified homosexual contacts he had at various time throughout his life.

Eleanor Roosevelt, indomitable wife of former Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt who became perhaps as well-known a political figure in her own right and whose sexual relations with women have recently come to light.

And, of course, probably the best-known closet case in American history, former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, who became at one point the most-feared government official in Washington.

There is also on the list a 12th individual on the list who is widely rumored to be homosexual, but who has never addressed the issue one way or the other. And since libel laws in this country do not permit publication of that individual's name in the context without running the risk of a lawsuit, that 12th individual will have to go unidentified ... at least until that dozenth person finds a bit more courage.

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os Angeles - The Fox television network's hit primetime cartoon series The Simpsons will feature the gravelly voice of Gay playwright Harvey Fierstein in one episode next season.

Fox publicists said the plot of the Fierstein episode is under wraps until the fall season begins. An airdate for the show has not yet been

Simpson's creator and executive producer Matt Groening currently deals humorously with Gay issues in his syndicated cartoon strip Life in Hell, which features the Gay lovers and identical twin characters Akbar and Jeff.

- The Washington Blade

Military Bigotry Loses Again

ew York - The U.S. Navy awarded back pay and restored a good-service record to a female Marine sergeant who was penalized after she testified in 1988 as a character witness for a Lesbian Marine facing a court-martial.

During court-martial hearings for Sgt. Cheryl Jameson, Hilinski testified that Jameson "did a fine job" and that Jameson's sexual orientation did

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Auto Life 441-2776 1237 J Street not affect her work in any way. After the hearing, Hilinski's supervisor demoted her and cut her pay by \$220 a

"We know that there is tremendous disagreement with the policy [to ban Gays from the military] among officers and others," said Nan Hunter, Hilinski's attorney and former head of the ACLU Gay and Lesbian Rights Project. "This ruling will enable them to express that opinion by protecting them from retaliation during the internal policy battles that lie ahead."

Hilinski left the service last year after serving in the Marines for 11 years. She said she hoped her legal challenge and victory would encourage others to speak out against the military's anti-Gay policies.

- The Washington Blade

Gav Pravda in the Soviet Union via the Netherlands

n a united effort to make a contribution to the wave of perestroika that has been sweeping over Europe, the Dutch De Gay Krant and the French Gai Pied have published a gay version of the Soviet Pravda. The gay newspaper looks just like the official Communist Party paper, but minor details in the Pravda-logo have been changed to gay symbols instead of Communist symbols. About 85,000 copies of the paper were printed in the Netherlands, most of which were distributed with copies of De Gay Krant and Gai Pied. About 20,000 copies will be distributed in the Soviet Union through several sources.

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BUSH Wins 'Sexual Frustration' Prize

resident Bush was awared a "sexual frustration" prize during the recent International Lesbian and Gay Association 12th World Conference in Stockholm.

Bush received the Priapus Prize, named for the Greek god. In ancient Greece, Priapus was often depicted as an erect penis with a smiling face. In awarding the prize to Bush, Bill Shiller said, "With the hopes that a kiss from Priapus will ease his sexual frustration, help him say such words as 'condom' and 'safe sex,' and teach him that neither HIV positives nor homosexuals entering his country will diminish his happiness nor threaten his physical or mental health, Tupilak awards the very first Priapus Prize to American President George Bush."

- Bay Area Reporter

Seventh-Day Adventists Rule Out Women Preachers

ndianapolis - Delegates to the 55th world conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church voted to accept a commission's report that ordaining women would be disruptive to the world church and should not be allowed.

During a two-hour debate before the vote, many of those supporting the ordination of women referred to Ellen White, an early church leader thought by some Seventh-day Adventists to be a phophet.

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FAA Charged with **HIV Discrimination**

Tashington, D.C. - An air-traffic controller is charging the Federal Aviation Administration for HIV discrimination following his removal from his Dulles Airport job because he was using AZT.

Ronald Wilkinson, 29, challenged the firing last year by F.A.A. officials who claim that the AIDS drug's side effects, including dizziness, disorientation and slowed reflexes, would hamper his ability to perform his duties in the control tower.

According to earlier reports, Wilkinson is citing medical experts who say the drug

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would not interfere with his job. He maintains that they released him simply because he is infected with HIV.

Wilkinson was offered an administrative position with the agency earlier this month, which he said he would accept, but it would not be enough to persuade him to drop the discrimination suit. Filed under Equal Opportunity Commission guidelines, the suit asks for reinstatement to the controller's position and back pay for the time since the firing.

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GLAAD Adds Yet Another Chapter in California

by Keith Clark

LAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation), the nation's media watchdog organization with over a dozen chapters around the country, is currently in the process of putting together another Northern California chapter.

With chapters already in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Sacramento, if the organizing group in Santa Cruz comes on-line, California would have four full-fledged GLAAD chapters with three in

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Northern California - the largest concentration of any state in the country.

Organizers in Santa Cruz held their first meeting on Monday, August 20 at the Lesbian/Gay Community Center there with close nearly 20 people showing up to begin the process that leads to becoming a fully recognized GLAAD chapter.

Neil Grungras, GLAAD/-SFBA's community relations chair who helped put together the initial Santa Cruz organizing meeting through the San Francisco group's mailing lists, said, "I was really pleased and excited about it. It was a good showing and I was very excited about the fact that there were so many women there." About three-quarters of the people attending the Santa Cruz organizing meet-

ng were women.

Not to be outdone, the South Bay held its first organizing meeting to discuss a GLAAD chapter at San Jose's DeFrank Community Center on Sunday, August 26 with some dozen people attending. As with the Santa Cruz meeting, GLAAD/SFBA helped bring the meeting about through its mailing lists.

Unlike Santa Cruz, the San Jose group took a different course and decided - at least for the time being - to set up a committee within GLAAD/-SFBA to more actively involve the South Bay in the group's

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ywood) • The Ex ywood) • The Ex tes & Defenders aftest Issue an Community minance Design th (Pasadena) media work. They will be meeting again in Sept. to work on setting up South Bay media monitoring and adding more area people to GLAAD's phone tree, the group's telephone alerting system.

Although the San Jose group decided for now to set up as a committee within the larger Bay Area organization, GLAAD/SFBA co-chair Byron Potts said, "The establishment of a South Bay committee of GLAAD/SFBA will mean that we will be able to better serve their needs in regards to phone and media monitoring."

SOBER

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This four day conference was held in accordance to the guidelines of Alcoholic Anonymous (A.A.) and Al-Anon. Hundreds of workshops geared to the special needs of recovering gays and lesbians were held hourly throughout the week-end.

Workshops about recovering from addictions ranging from alcohol and drugs to over-eating, shopping, driving, controlling and sex, were combined with the needs of minorities, spouses, people HIV positive and negative homeless or spiritual.

Each night the auditorium filled to hear guest speakers share their strength, and hope during the Living Sober weekend. Sacramento's own Edie C., entertained and moved the audience with her sharing of her experience on Saturday night. Followed by the A.A. musical, staffed by volunteers that rehearsed for months.

The format followed on Sunday evening except for the show was replaced by 2 dances. Local club D.J.'s spun funk in one hall and disco favorites in the other. It sure didn't take drugs or alcohol to loosen up that crowd.

At one point there was a line dance with close to a hundred people in the middle of the hallway grooving to music. Surely these recovering folks know how to party! Sacramento being one, this November 24 and 25, will be the third annual River City Round-up for recovering gays and lesbians. It will be held at the Holiday Holidome at Madison and I-80. Registration costs \$8.00 if you preregister before October 20 and

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Lutherans Begin to Tackle Sexual Issues

by Keith Clark

espite the July 18 five-year suspension of two San Francisco Lutheran congregations for ordaining openly gay clergy, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's (ELCA) Task Force on Human Sexuality began its first meetings in late July to draft a "social teaching statement" for the 5.3-million member denomination.

Task force members say study material on sexuality might be ready for local Lutheran congregations by the fall

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of 1991, following its first meeting last month in Des Plaines, Ill.

that fall under human sexuality were chaotic," said the Rev. James Bailey, a member of the task force. "We had to put some order in it."

There were some 47 topics of discussion on the task force's original agenda which have now been organized into four general areas: sexuality and the Christian faith; sexual orientation and gender issues; the implications of sexuality for church and society; and sexual relationships, expression and behavior.

The task force will draft a social teaching statement for "The broad range of topics | ELCA's local congregations



Rev.'s Ruth Frost and and Jeff Johnson brought the issues of gay and lesbian ministers to the Lutheran Church.

which will then come up for discussion and action at the 1993 ELCA nation conference.

The issue of ordaining openly gay and lesbian ministers is not part of the task force's work. That thorny question has been sent to the denomination's governing board, the national Lutheran Church Council.

Committee member the Rev. Eldon Olson said, "The task force sees its purpose as being educational and evangelical," and said it would "address those persons who have felt marginalized from the church's community."

The Rev. Daniel Hooper of Los Angeles, a member of the gay-oriented group Lutherans Concerned, said even the generally liberal ELCA has some distance to go before it catches up with the times.

"Relationships and ethics need to be recognized on the basis that they exist, regardless of sexual orientation.'

Cocktails in Paradise Anyone?

by Lynn McNeal D.C.

he other day I was flipping through a magazine, when the full page advertisement struck me: two tumblers of ice, smothered in an amber liquid, poised before a tropical beach at sundown.

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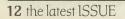
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Women's Rap Group meets at the Lambda Center at 7 p.m. Topic for the evening is a "secret question rap". Call (916) 442-0185 for more information.

25 tuesday

"AIDS 101" at Project Survival will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. Repeat workshop offering participants an opportunity to learn more about AIDS. For more information call (916) 454-0516.

28 friday

"Get It (Gay Experimental Traditional Improvisational Theater)" presents it's second showing of Sacramento's only live gay soap opera. Tickets are \$10 and include two complimentary drinks. Seating begins at 7:30 p.m. with the show scheduled to start at 8 p.m. For reservations call (916) 649-9248 or (916) 729-Sept 28 & 29

"Weslie Whitfiled & Trio singing The Great American popular songs" at the Sacramento Community Center. The Sacramento Symphony will also perform during this event. Call (916) 449-5181 for info. Sept 28 - 29

18th Annual Harvest Festival. Nation's largest indoor arts, crafts and entertainment fair at the Sacramento Community Convention Center. Call (916) 449-5181 for more

Sept 28 - 30

30 sunday

information.

Casino Night presented by Ms. Sacramento Leather at Joseph's Town and Country. Gamble for prizes with proceeds to benefit local charities. 7 - 11 p.m.

October

1 monday

Kenny G and Michael Bolton performing at the Arco Arena. Tickets available through BASS ticket outlets.

2 tuesday

"Outlook" lesbian/gay video magazine will air at 10 p.m. on cable channel 63.

4 thursday

"Outlook" lesbian/gay video magazine repeat broadcast at 9 p.m. on cable channel 63



ACT UP/Sacramento meeting at 7 p.m. Activists are welcomed to join with others in the fight against AIDS. Call the Hotline at (916) 552-1996 for more information.

6 saturday



California Vintage Fair at the Sutter Square Galleria from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Call (916) 321-1790 for more information.



"Open Road", Sacramento's gay country and western duet will have a benefit concert at the Sierra 2 Theater located at 24th and Third Ave at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds will benefit the Hand to Hand program of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. For more information call (916) 448-2437.

7 sunday



information.

(916) 456-1610.

14 sunday

International Peace Kite Festival in Bodega Bay at the Seahorse Guest Ranch. One Sky One World, Call (707) 875-3777 for more information.

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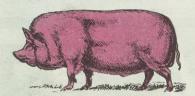
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"A Tribute To The Memory of You", the musical/drama continues at the Guild Theater. Call (916) 331-3307 for more

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The Wreck Room's 10th Anniversary "Pig Out" with prices from 1980. 2513 Broad-

19 friday

Jazzworks presents "Dance Deco" at the 24th Street Theater, 2791 24th Street, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 general, with discounts for seniors, students and children. For reservations and additional performance dates call 483-4017.

5 friday

Antique Show & Sale at the Woodland Fairgrounds. Call (916) 265-5520 for more Oct 5 - 7 information.

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The Sacramento Symphony

performs with the Russian

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13th Annual California Men's Gathering

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young man's coming-out experi

ence in a fundamentalist christ-

ian family. Portion of the pro-

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AIDS. For more information

call 331-3307.



The Renaissance Pleasure Faire final day, at the Black Point Forest in Novato. Tickets

available through BASS ticket

"Twelfth Night", opens the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival at the U.C. Davis Main Theatre. A light hearted comedy sure to please the aficionado as well as the newcomer to Shakespeare. For more

Buddy Connection 1990 Workshop begins at 7 p.m. at the SAF training upstairs

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Sacramento Leather Association presents a night of leather and dancing Clunie Hall at McKinley

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> P.O. Box 160584 Sacramento, CA 95816.

8 monday

information call (916) 752-2523.

training space located at

12 friday

Park. 8 p.m. - 12 midnight.

Probing the Personals: Do's and Don'ts

by Stacy Selmants

F or many people, the thought of placing or answering a personal ad is about as appealing a thought as doing the two-step with an iguana with no sense of rhythm.

(Your friends think you're a loser and it really annoys the iguana.) But as we've evolved from the "What's Your Sign?" days of the past to the "What's Your Sexual History?" days of the present, the per-

sonal ad gene pool becomes a more attractive option. It's certainly no riskier than the bar scene, and offers more potential than going to the same potlucks with the same 14 people-- three of whom you've already taste-tested. If you approach the concept with a lighthearted sense of expectation, and a healthy dose of caution, it can work. A Confession: I met the current (and hopefully the last) Woman of My Dreams through a personal ad. And no, I am not a Professional Dater; I am a Real Person, just like yourself.

DO's and DON'Ts:

* Screen your responses carefully. Avoid dating people who

call collect and mention (in passing) words such as "incarcerated" and "penitentiary" or "death row."

- * Meet in a public place, for a casual meeting of short duration. This allows you the option of evaluating one another's chemistry, common interests, and a comparison list of former lovers. (I broke this rule with Suzie. Drinks led to dinner, which led to games of Gravity Pool at the Buffalo Club. But that was an aberration. So, kids, be careful, and don't try this one unless it's definitely magic.)
- * Wear tight clothes. This eliminates much of the distracting "I wonder what he/she looks like naked?" thoughts that often lead to premature groping in the parking lot. Premature groping can ruin a potential relationship before it has a chance to flower.
- * Do not answer respondents of the opposite gender. Miss Manners allows you to ignore these people. They are members of the Unclear on the Concept Society. (This sticky social problem occurs more often than you may think.) If you are a woman, be especially careful if you receive a strange response with a fuzzy Polaroid shot from a hairy Italian man named Vinnie. He is from the unfortunate "You Just Haven't Had Me, Baby" School of Forcible Dating.
- * Be kind. Whether you are the advertiser or the respondent, remember the sense of courage (or desperation) that it took for the other person to open up enough to admit, "I'm lonely." This does not mean you must reconcile yourself to an unending series of Pity Dates, but be polite and caring if you are not interested.



HOW TO READ AND WRITE A PERSONAL AD:

Many of us have been reading the personal ads for years, and wondering what the people who wrote the ads are really like. Gay men's ads are often more physically descriptive, and blunter about sexual habits, while lesbians seems to be always searching for other women who "enjoy long walks, movies, and just being together." The longest run-ning ad I can remember is "Looking For A Top Man. Earl." Either Earl is not terribly picky, or is simply insatiable, because I have been seeing that ad since I came out 8 years ago. I just hope Earl is being given the contract advertising rate.

Women's ads are showing a little more spark of late. For a while I thought they were all written by the Dull Lesbian Copywriting Collective. Recently, I've spotted real wit, imagination and even occasional wackiness. The line in my lover's ad which caught my attention was "... I enjoy most kinds of music (no Slim Whitman.)" It was so obscure and so odd a joke, that I had to meet the woman who wrote it. (Okay, but it worked for me.)

If you are writing an ad, write one that will catch the attention of the kind of person you are seeking. Write a snappy "lead." (A "lead" is the first sentence, that encapsulates the

entire concept of what you are trying to convey.) Avoid the trite, the typical; the tepid descriptions that appear to have been purchased at Ads 'R' Us. Humor will work, as well as honesty. If you are REALLY looking for someone who will encourage you to wear cunning French Maid outfits and threaten to spank you when you're naughty, say so. However, if you advertise for a certain kind of person, be prepared for the response-you may get it, no matter how offbeat.

I was very firm about what kind of dates I was looking for when I placed my ad back in February, and so the responses I received were very similar. My last line said "...You are over 30, slender, intelligent, feminine, fun-loving, employed and won't arrive for the first date bearing suitcases." This "wish list" winnowed down my responses, but the dozen or so I received were all from women who were professional, bright, health conscious, and weren't looking for a meal ticket. I unfortunately received a number of responses from women who were careering themselves to death, and could arrange dates only one Thursday a month. But they were all quality women who simply had time management problems.

Of course, answering ads has its own set of rules. Be prepared for some surprises. Ads are like resumes; some have no correlation with reality. See the translations, below.

Personal Ad Translation

50, look 30 - Feels life is an Annette Funnicello/Frankie Avalon Beach Party Movie. Doesn't own a car, instead spends all available cash on plastic surgery.

Professional - Can pick up the check, but is probably very closeted. You will never meet his/her family.

Successful - Likes young boys and will tip well.

Straight Appearing - Looks good in tight 501's. Only wears dresses at Halloween.

Will do housework in exchange for room and board - Will steal your car while you're asleep.

Voluptuous - Favorite food is Haagan Daz.

Health Conscious -Has learned to make safe sex a hobby.

Bi-W - In the process of coming out, and wants you to help.

Bi-M - Married man, who thinks honesty is a bummer.

This little guide has been a public service publication in the effort to alleviate those hot summer blues, when wistful looks and a sense of attitude just aren't cutting it. Try it. What have you got to lose? (Brought to you by Two-stepping Iguanas for Choice.)

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Performing Short, Jewish Lesbian

by Celeste Brown

uick...take a look at your calendar to see if September 21, Friday is booked already...if it's not, mark down the following: Lynn Lavner, at Faces, 8:30 p.m...Must See!

In case you aren't familiar with Lynn Lavner, she is the internationally-known lesbian comic and singer whose original music and comedy material encompasses all facets of gay and lesbian life.

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Lynn Lavner.

The Philadelphia Gay News review of her show included this excerpt: "Hers is a polished act, matured through the years of hard work and dedication to what the world has yet to recognize-the openly gay performer".

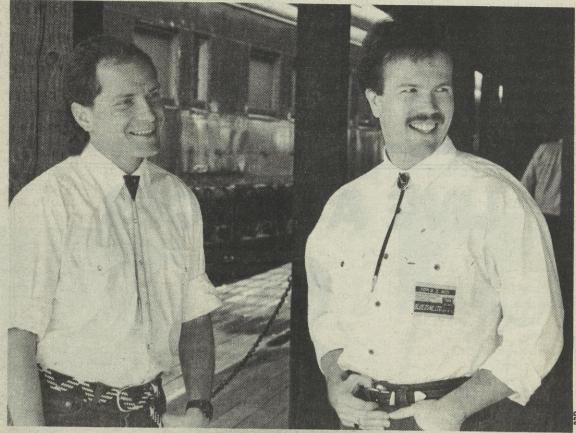
While many contemporaries have gone mainstream, Lavner remains steadfastly true to herself and her audience.

During a telephone interview with Lavner said "My songs & humor are drawn from my own experiences as a short, left-handed Jewish lesbian from New York, which are considerably different from the experiences of an average person from, let's say, Columbus, Nebraska."

Her sense of humor and view on life has enabled her show to be well-received by audiences from all over the world, including Le Piano Zinc in Paris and the Hippodrome in London. And now, along-side places such as these, (as well as Vassar College, Columbia University, etc., etc.) Sacramento's Faces will welcome Lavner to a one night only show!

Lavner also provides reflective moments by acknowledging those who have died from AIDS, as well as a song written in tribute to Anne Frank.

So, have written all of this, and not wanting to spoil the show, plan on being at Faces, September 21 to see this petite powerhouse perform, in leather, no less! Be there or be talked about! For more details please call Faces at 448-7798.



Jim Ralston and Steve Van Dyke are "Open Road". Support SAF by attending the October 6 show.

"Open Road" to Benefit Hand-to-Hand

pen Road, a local country western duo, will give a benefit concert Saturday, October 6, to raise money for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand to Hand program.

Jim Ralston, 34, and Steven Van Dyke, 29, have performed at the Freedom Day Celebration in San Francisco, Gay Pride Day in Sacramento, River City Democratic Club, and Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities. Their repertoire includes original songs such as "Short Stack" and "Look at Daddy", as well as music by George Strait, k.d. lang, and Randy Travis.

Tickets cost \$10 and are on sale at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's office at 1900 K Street, upstairs. The foundation hopes to raise \$2,500 from this benefit.

The concert will be held at the Sierra Two Center for the Arts and the Community at 2791 24th Street in Sacramento. For information or tickets, call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at (916) 448-2437.

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Gourmet Chefs Whip Up a Benefit

by Keith Clark

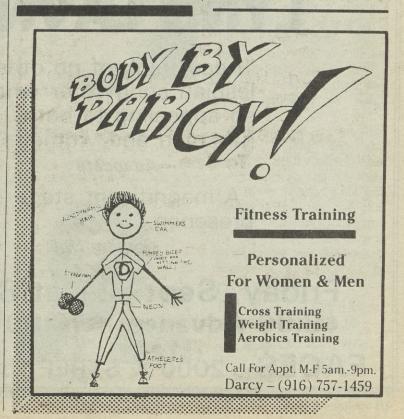
That may well be the most innovative AIDS benefit in the Bay Area, AIDS and Comfort II is scheduled for Saturday, September 22 at the Greek Theater.

The million dollar fundraiser features an evening of the food prepared by chefs from the area's most original

restaurants followed by a concert at the hilltop setting featuring an eclectic array of performers.

Restaurateurs Alice Waters of Chez Panisse and Vince Calcagno of Zuni Cafe have assembled what may well be the finest representatives of the new California cuisine to prepare a limited-seating dinner for 600. Among the hotels and restaurants participating: Bay Wolf, Chez Panisse, China Moon, Compton Place, The Claremont, The Fairmont,

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ALCOHOL

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not as pretty. There is nothing sexy or cosmopolitan about the personal and social problems it causes. The statistics on how many alcoholics exist in this country vary according to the source. I have read 5.5 million Americans, but I've also read that it is 10% of the adult population.

Studies have shown that women tend to drink alone, thus the numbers may be

artificially low. The male:female ratio is 4:1, but women are gradually catching up. The incidence of alcoholism in all categories is increasing.

Alcoholism is defined as a chronic disease of unknown origin with an insidious onset, showing recognizable symptoms and signs proportionate to its severity. This is a fancy way of saying that nobody really knows what causes it, but you'd know it if you saw it. That is not always true. Often the problem is only

identified when severe enough and not disguised well enough.

Alcohol is the most widely used drug in our society. It is a sedative that depresses the central nervous system. As the drinker continues to consume, the central nervous system cells adapt accordingly. Thus, the drinker becomes tolerant of previous doses, and must consume more to achieve the desired effect. Tolerance to alcohol demands a greater intake, but the lethal Alcoholism is defined as a chronic disease of unknown origin with an insidious onset.

dose increases only minimally. Studies have shown that individuals tolerant to alcohol are cross-tolerant to other central nervous system depressants such as barbiturates.

Over time, alcohol targets the liver, heart, peripheral nerves, and brain. The damage to the family structure, with its inherited behaviors in children, has become a distinct and separate discipline.

Tackling this issue represents a journey of self-discovery for each individual. It is a problem that is familylearned, culturally encouraged and endorsed, often genetically pre-programmed. The first step requires reflection and self-evaluation, and that is

often quietly personal. In my opinion, problem drinkers are often highly sensitive people who can not be pigeon-holed into categories. Not everyone will be attracted to a group setting such as A.A. But everyone can begin reading and exploring books available.

In "Starting From Scratch", Rita Mae Brown gives advice to writers that could apply to everyone: "Please be honest with yourself about drinking. Yes, it will hurt your work. It will hurt you and it will hurt the people you love...Take care of your body. With health you can produce into your eighties...You get better and better as you grow older. It's the joy of the art."





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ARUMOR HAS IT

id you see the "Rainbow House" on Capitol Avenue on the Rainbow Festival Weekend? It was an inspiration. If we all showed our colors as brightly, this city would appear gayer than San Francisco!

One of the most important aspects of the gay rights movement is visiblity. When people know who we are, know that we are everywhere, we gain acceptance. October 11, show your pride and your desire for equal rights by flying your rainbow flag. If you don't already own a rainbow flag, they are on sale at Lioness Books and the Gifted Gardener. (The flags sold at Lioness, benefit National Coming Out Day and the Gifted Gardener sales benefit the Sacramento Men's Chorus). Write it on your calendar, October 11, National Coming Out Day.

Speaking of coming out -John Batchelor (Hedda Hopper), the gossip columnist for



John Batchelor bags his face.

MCW, was coming out left and right at Fife's at the Russian River several weeks back. Modeling the latest fashions in trashy cooking attire and a smashing girl scout ensemble, John was the talk of the weekend. One suggestion, more makeup! Or maybe a bag. Thank you Hedda.

While we're on the subject of bagging a face, congratulations could be in order for Stacey (Steve) of Faces. Stacey



Stacey looking her best. has been participating in a citywide competition for the Ugliest Bartender to benefit | Terry Sidee of Faces.

Multiple Sclerosis research. The mixologist who raises the most money wins the title. Stacey you'll always be the Ugliest Bartender to us.

The new Duke and Duchess were elected to carry their titles on August 25 at the Tuesday Club. Racine and Gene are the Duchess and Duke respectively for 1990-91 reign. As Large Marge and Patrick were visibly relieved at their stepping down, the crowd

tober 28th. Rumor has it that Paul doesn't plan to renew the lease on his other restaurant,

The 1990 Rainbow Festival raised more money this year than ever before. The total at press time topped out at an impressive \$7,000 to benefit Hope House and the Lambda Community Center. A toast to Richard Boriolo, the Faces staff and of course, Terry Sidee for another great party.



Patrick and Large Marge yuk it up during the "Hair Hop".

was ready for the party to continue all night long. Look forward to upcoming events from the reign of the B---h with the Ruby Red Slippers.

Donating to charities still seems to be in fashion. The Sacramento Do Cats recently donated \$219 to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, while the staff and friends of the Incredible Edible donated \$305 to Hope House via the Rainbow Festival from their August 25th "Monte Carlo Night." Plans are nearing completion for Incredible Edible's 14th Anniversary party and costume gala to be held Sunday, Oc-



your hard work, planning and promotion paid off for the community and for the benefiting charities.

It is difficult to organize anything that has more than two people. The Sacramento chapters of GLAAD and ACT-UP are both experiencing the growing pains of becoming effective organizations. Working together will always be the best way to accomplish our common goals. · (Anything is possible, don't laugh!)

The Sacramento Union's continued anti-gay campaign has sparked the gay community to say 'no more' in a boycott of a Union advertiser - Safeway (Alhambra & K). When you get sick and tired of the b.s. hit them where it counts, below the belt (the wallet).

September's one year older crowd is a big bunch, including our Kentucky pal Laura, Paige, Lisa (yeah, love that uniform), Joseph Martinez, and Dennis Mangers (50!) and Sara Myers. Special b-day greetings to the extraordinarily talented PJ. Dunker, and to great photographer, Becca King. Pearson celebrated her birthday this month while traveling

through California...29 again



Dan Palomino.

Dan Palomino, yet another Virgo (can you believe it?) is still enjoying his extended vacation. Rumors are flying all over town about what gossip Dan has uncovered during his two month sabbatical. Tune in next month.

When it comes to numbers, congratulations are in order to the PATLAR staff for its 100th issue coming out in October. The Patlar has added a new local writer, Mary Smith. Mary's commentaries are timely and to the point when in comes to local leadership. Keep up the good work.

The leadership at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation is in a major state of change due to the recent loss of funding. While Joe Chase (Commander Condom) is still employed at



Commander Condom.

the Foundation, others have not been as lucky. And Sam Schuchat decided this was as good a time as any to run off, get married and quit his job.



Sam Schuchat

We hope your new bride has a steady income, Sam.

Two not so new brides celebrated their anniversary at the happiest place on earth (The West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival). Congratulations to Joan Frazzini and Marsha Oritt on your 7 years together! Two gay men also celebrated their 7th anniversary together this month, the latest ISSUE's own



Kevin and Ed.

Kevin Cohee and his honey Ed Walker. Ed is such a sweet man I don't know how he puts up with that Kevin (hee hee).

Joke: Do you know what a lesbian brings on her second date? Everything she owns. Well, for those of you that are at that stage in your relationship, you are going to want to attend the Sacramento Area Career Women's Network's (SACWN) night of Love Lesbian Style, September 21. The event will feature the Dating Game for you single women and the Newlywed Game for those who have gone on the second date. Stacy and her lover of 4 months Suzie, will be featured as contestants in the Newlywed game. (Suzie says if Stacy tells any of her secrets, Stacy sleeps in the garage). With the cool weather coming, I'd watch what I say.

Well folks, it is true that summer officially ends this But rather than month. mourn the passing of those wild, sunny days, why not look forward to the cozy cool ones instead? For every date there is a season...turn, turn, turn to the next page. See you in mid-October.

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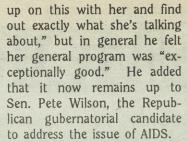


Against AIDS and was put together earlier this year primarily to lobby the California Congressional delegation here in the state for increased federal funding of AIDS programs.

Mobilization's executive director, Paul Boneberg, had high praise for the Feinstein proposal. "She issued a comprehensive statement," Bone-

berg said. "She prioritized treatment - particularly early treatment. She touched all the bases of all the things we wanted touched. And she even got into a discussion that indicates she understands the bureaucratic reform necessary for experimental treatment. I think it was just what we were hoping she would do."

Boneberg said the lobbying coalition would still like to meet with Feinstein "to follow



"I think it's a clear challenge to Sen. Wilson to raise the issue," he said. "Wilson has been challenged ... and now let's see what [he] proposes on AIDS.

I think the Feinstein partisans have done an exceptional job of putting forward a comprehensive program and having it articulated in the right setting by an obviously committed candidate. Now let's see what Wilson can do."

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NO WANNA continued from page 7

After about two hours of laughing with "Two Nice Girls" and "Betty", Dianne Davidson toned things down with some good ole love songs in her own classic style.

The list of performers goes on and on, if I listed them all it might make October's issue. One more important performer I must name is "Sue Fink" who renamed this weekend as "Camp No Wanna Weinie," really catchy...

If I were to rename this weekend it might be called - "The weekend of Blazing Saddles." Let's just say, the food was not one of the highlights of the weekend (beans, beans and more beans).

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Friends Make a Real Difference

While serious illness is a fact of everyday life, AIDS has posed new challenges for everyone involved: not only individuals with AIDS, but also their friends.

People who are in the prime of their lives have become ill, and their prospects for a long life have been severely affected. Their suffering and fear is shared by the people close to them.

When someone you know becomes ill, especially with a serious illness like AIDS, you may feel helpless or inadequate. If he has been a good friend, you may say, "Just call if you need anything." Then out of fear or insecurity you may dread the call, if it comes. Here are some thoughts and suggestions that may help you to help someone who is very ill.

Don't avoid him or her. (Please note, this piece was written for men, but women are affected with the AIDS virus as well). Be there – it instills hope.

Weep with him when he weeps. Laugh when he laughs. Don't be afraid to share these intimate experiences. They can enrich you both.

Call and say you're bringing his favorite dish. Be specific about what time you are coming. Bring the food in disposable containers, so he won't worry about washing dishes. Spend time sharing a meal.

Take him for a walk or outing, but ask about and know his limitations

Offer to help answer any correspondence with which he may have difficulty dealing.

Call and ask for a shopping list and make a "special delivery" to his home.

Help him celebrate holidays and life by decorating his home or hospital room. Bring flowers or other special treasures. Include him in your holiday festivities.

Help his lover, care-partner, or roommate. Though he is the one who is sick, they may also be suffering. Care-partners may also need a small break from the illness from time to time. Offer to stay with the person who is sick in order to give his loved ones a break. Invite them out. Offer to accompany them places.

Though he's gay, he may be a father. Help care for his children. Offer to bring them to visit.

Be creative. Bring books, periodicals, taped music, a poster for a wall, home-baked cookies or delicacies to share with visitors. All of these become especially important now. Bring along another old friend who perhaps hasn't yet been to visit.

Don't be reluctant to ask about his illness. He may need to talk about his condition. Find out by asking: "Do you feel like talking about it?"

Don't feel that you both always have to talk. It's okay to sit together silently reading, listening to music, watching television . . . holding hands. Much can be expressed without words.

Can you take him somewhere? He may need transportation to a treatment . . . to the store or bank . . . to his physician . . . or perhaps to a movie.

Dish with him if he indicates that he's tired of talking symptoms, doctors and treatments. If he seems interested, fill him in on disco, gym, organizations or mutual friends. Take your cues from him.

Don't lecture him or be angry if he seems to be handling his illness in a way that you think is

inappropriate. He may not be where you expect or need him to be.

Touch him. A simple squeeze of the hand or a hug can let him know that you still care. (Don't be afraid . . . you cannot contact AIDS by simply touching).

If you are going to engage in sex, be informed about the precautions which make sex safe for both of you. Heed them! Be imaginative . . . touch, stroke, massage. Sex need not always be genital to be fun.

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exhilarating music and singing by the cast members and members of the Sacramento Men's Chorus with synergistic piano accompaniment by Andrew Carhartt. The singing roles of Jill Perry as Beth, Daniel Sitton as Biff's father and Chuck Vickers as Charley, Biff's first love, were highlights of the evening. The realistic portrayal of the characters added a special enchanting quality to the production. Special acknowledgements to

Chuck Vickers as both Music Director and also for his wonderful singing and talent in the role of Charley, Biff's lover.

"A Tribute to the Memory of You", is a wonderfully intense documentation of coming out with beautiful music to soften the realities of our lives as gay men.

The producer of "A Tribute to the Memory of You", Mr. Denny Hamann, introduced himself to the audience and announced an open call for actors to take "A Tribute to the Memory of You" on the road. Mr. Hamann stated that he would transport the troupe in his 36 foot motorhome to

bring "A Tribute to the Memory of You" to communities within a couple day's drive of Sacramento in the future. If you're the type of person who always wanted to join the circus and would like to carry a message of love and hope, this just might be your golden opportunity.

"A Tribute to the Memory of You" will play at the Guild Theatre for three weeks from October 5 through 21. Performances will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets prices are \$7 general admission. For more information call (916) 331-3307.

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dogs while MCC Modesto also was present for the celebration.

The dedication for the new church sanctuary was held on Saturday afternoon and the Mayor Anne Rudin to part in the formal dedication as well as other local dignitaries. Highlighting the weekend was the opening of "A Tribute to the Memory of You" around the corner from RCMCC at the Guild Theater at 35th and Broadway streets.

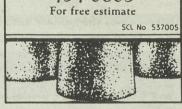
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The decoration for the sit-down dinner at the hillside amphitheater is being prepared by Japan's leading designer, Eiko Ishioka, production designer for the 1986 film, "Mishima." The top-drawer price for the 5:30 p.m. dinner is \$500. Preferred seating at the 8:30 concert is \$100.

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\$10.00 after and at the door. The event will feature workshops, entertainment and activities are planned for the weekend. Further details are available by calling Roger at 978-0864.

Gay and Lesbian A.A. meetings are held at North Hall, 35th and Broadway, 7 days a week.

For scheduled times, call (916) 454-1100 and ask for "North Hall" schedule. Also Tuesday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m., meetings are held at Clunie Club House at McKinley Park. In addition, meeting are held for Adult

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The 1991 Living Sober Conference will be held over the 4th of July weekend at the S.F. Civic Center. To be placed on the mailing list by writing to: Western Round-Up/Living Sober, P.O. Box 974, San Francisco, CA.

LETTERS

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are in pain and you can stop it by just not supporting the people who put them in pain.

The gay community should know about fighting archaic attitudes regarding human rights...how about extending that compassion to all living things? Stop supporting the abusers...and maybe animals can just be animals instead of suffering creatures existing for amusement...just as we would like to be gay and not have to suffer for it.

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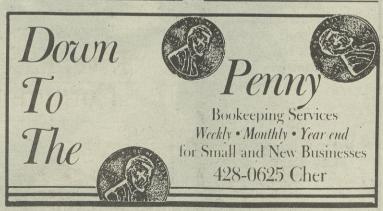
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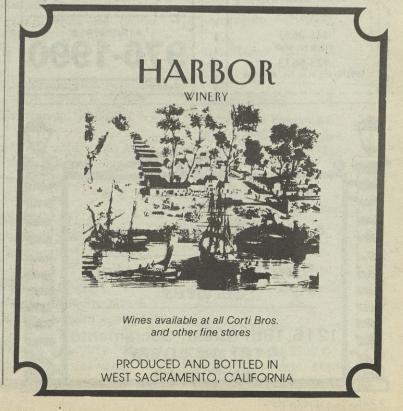


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